

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the original claims with the following list:

1. (currently amended): A system for partitioning space comprising:  
  
a plurality of first members having a first and a second end and a plurality of surfaces, some  
of said first members being interlocked with each other with at least one mortise and tenon  
joint; and  
  
an assembly of said first members into a second member ~~capable of receiving~~ that receives at  
least one planar panel having a plurality of edges.
2. (original): The system of claim 1 further comprising at least two said second  
members wherein said second members can receive different edges of one said panel.
3. (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said mortise and tenon joint is a dovetail  
joint.
4. (canceled): The system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said second members is  
non-planar.
5. (canceled): The system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said panels is non-planar.
6. (original): The system of claim 1 wherein at least one said first member has at least  
one end terminated with at least one ornamentation.
7. (original): The system of claim 1 wherein at least one said first member has at least  
one end terminated with at least one functional accessory.
8. (original): The system of claim 1 wherein at least one said panel contains conduit.

9. (original): The system of claim 1 wherein at least one said first member contains conduit.
10. (canceled): The system of claim 1 wherein at least one said second member contains conduit.
11. (currently amended): A mortise comprised of two separate members configured to receive a tenon. said mortise ~~capable of capturing~~ said tenon when said members are pushed together.
12. (original): The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said mortise is a female dovetail slot and said tenon is a male dovetail.
13. (new): The system of claim 1 wherein said mortise and tenon joint is comprised of a mortise as in claim 11.